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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A DECISION TAKEN BY EC FONMINS IN LUX-
EMBOURG ON ALLOCATION TO RED CROSS OF FOOD AID FOR VIET-NAM. LAST
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PARAGRAPH IN TEXT ALSO REFERS TO COORDINATION OF BILATER AID

FOR EC COUNTRIES.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

A. THE COUNCIL NOTED A DECISION BY THE COMMISSION, WITHIN ITS OWN COMPETENCE, TO ALLOCATE TO THE RED CROSS FOR USE IN VIETNAM 1,000 TONS OF CEREALS AND 100 HUNDRED TONS OF MILK POWDER AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF 360 THOUSAND UNITS OF ACCOUNT. THIS DECISION IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THE PRECISE USE OF THE SUPPLIES SHOULD BE DECIDED PURELY ON GROUNDS OF EFFICIENCY, WHILE OBSERVING NEUTRALITY BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT. THE COMMISSION LATER CONFIRMED THAT BY THESE CONSIDERATIONS IT MEANT THAT PRIMARY REGARD WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE DISTRESSED POPULATIONS ON EITHER SIDE.

B. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO A COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE 590 TONS OF MILK POWDER TO UNICEF WITHIN THE EXISTING PROGRAMME, AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY 500,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT. THE SAME GENERAL CONSIDERATION AS ABOVE WILL APPLY.

C. A SUM OF 300,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT WAS UNBLOCKED FROM THE EMERGENCY AID SUBHEAD OF THE BUDGET (ARTICLE 400) TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO UNICEF TO ENABLE IT

- TO BUY 100 TONS OF SUGAR

- TO TRANSPORT 100 TONS OF MILK POWDER BY AIR

- TO PURCHASE NECESSARY MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

D. THE COMMISSION WILL SHORTLY BE MAKING FURTHER PROPOSALS (IN 2-3 WEEKS) CONCERNING ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF CEREALS, INCLUDING RICE, AND MILK POWDER TO BE GIVEN IN AID TO VIETNAM.

E. THE VALUE OF THE AID ALREADY AGREED IS 1,137,590 UNITS OF ACCOUNT. THE PROPOSALS IN THE PIPELINE WILL BE FOR 2-3 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT.

F. THE COUNCIL ALSO AGREED ON A COORDINATION OF NATIONAL AIDS TO VIETNAM, IN PARTICULAR AS REGARDS THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. END OF TEXT.

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